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SUBJECT: CIVAIR

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1. BRANIFF LOCAL OFFICE ANTICIPATES DNTAC ORDER AUTHORIZING 9 TH FREQUENCY WILL BE DELIVERED BY COB MAY 7.
2. PANAM HAS FORMALLY REQUESTED 9 TH FREQUENCY IN LETTER TO DNTAC DATED MAY 2, DELIVERED MAY 4.
3. SECOND ATTACK BY DNTAC OFFICIAL WITTE MADE IN MEMO TO DIRECTOR DATED APRIL 26. (FIRST WAS DATED APRIL 12. BOTH POUCHED TO SILBERSTEIN). PARTIAL OUTCOME IS THAT WITTE (AIR FORCE COMODORO RETIRED) REPORTEDLY HAS BEEN ARRESTED ON ORDER OF AIR FORCE HEAD REY AND CONFINED AT TANDIL AIR BASE FOR 30 DAYS.
4. WITTE MEMO OF 26 APRIL REITERATES ILLEGALITY UNDER ARGENTINE LAW OF ARRENGEMENT WITH U. S., EMPHASIZING PROCEDURAL VIOLATIONS. MEMO FURTHER STATES THAT MEMO OF CONSULTATION HAS NO VALIDITY UNDER U. S. LAW, CITING SIGNED 1947 BILATERAL WHICH DID NOT BECOME EFFECTIVE FOR LACK OF RATIFICATION OF PLANNED ROUTES.

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5. WITTE MAY HAVE PROVIDED BRIEF AND/ OR HIS MEMOS TO PERONIST PUBLICATION " MAYORIA," WHICH ON APRIL 27 IN PAGE 6 ITEM THAT PRIMARILY CRITICIZED DNTAC DIRECTOR FOR TRYING TO FAVOR AUSTRAL BY HURRYING HEARING AND FAVORABLE DECISION ON AUSTRAL INTERNAL ROUTE RIGHTS, ALSO TOOK SWIPE AT DNTAC IMPROPER GRANT OF RIGHTS TO U. S. LINES IN NEGOTIATIONS. CERTAINLY, WITTE' S ARREST IS A POTENTIAL BOMB.

6. GREAT WISDOM OF CAB EXTRAORDINARY " SHOW- CAUSE" PROCEDURE ON AEROLINEAS CO- TERMINALIZATION IS HIGHLIGHTED BY EVENTS. OUR CIVAIR RELATIONSHIP CONTINUES AS INTENSE NATIONALISTIC ISSUE LOCALLY. BECAUSE A RUPTURE COULD BADLY SHAKE OTHER AREAS, THE MOST PUNCTILIOUS PERFORMANCE ON THE INTENT OF THE ARRANGEMENT IS WARRANTED.
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